GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INTERNATIONAL AIDS VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NACO and ICMR have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the US based NGO, the International AIDS Vaccin Initiative (IAVI) to develop a vaccine appropriate to India under the caption `India joins global offer for AIDS Vaccine`, as reported in the Times of India dated March 21, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement so signed;

(c) the total amount likely to be provided by IAVI for the development of the vaccine;

(d) whether latest vaccine from the IAVI is under trial in Kenya;

(e) the number of other potential AIDS vaccines developed in laboratories and the details of those which are under testing; and

(f) the latest position with regard to cure of HIV/AIDS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a), (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Indian Council of Medical Research has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), New York, USAUnder the terms of Memorandum of Understanding, each party will contribute their experiences and resources to vaccine development to include cooperation in basic science research building to collaborative research on different approaches towards development of AIDS vaccine on prevalent HIV subtype C in India.

(c) The amount of assistance is not specified.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) A total of 49 clinical trials for 26 different vaccine candidates are in different stages of clinical trials in the world.

(f) There is no cure for HIV/AIDS at present.